In 2006, naxalite violence was reported in areas falling in 395 police stations in 91 districts in the above-mentioned 11 States, out of a total number of 8488 police stations in these States. State Governments undertake necessary action to combat naxalite activities, with the Central Government supplementing their efforts and resources through a range of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, strengthening of the State police and intelligence agancies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, providing training to State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and asistance in development works.

Killing of security personnel in Chhattisgarh by naxalites

329. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that naxalites have been attacking at will at various places in the country;

(b) if so, how many people including security personnel have been gunned down by the Maoists in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(c) how many naxals have been arrested and killed during the operations by security forces in the last six months; and

(d) whether Government is aware that on 2nd November, 2007, 16 security personnel were gunned down in Chhattisgarh, if so, whether the group has been identified and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) There have been incidents of naxalite violence in some areas.

As per information available, State-wise number of casualties in civilians and security personnel in 2007, upto 31-10-2007, is as below:

Andhra Pradesh: 33, Bihar: 53, Chhattisgarh: 311, Jharkhand: 123, Madhya Pradesh: 2 Maharashtra: 22, Orissa: 16, Uttar Pradesh: 3, West Bengal: 3 and Karnataka:5.

As per information available, in 2007, till 31-10-2007, 1105 naxalites have been arrested and 127 have been killed in encounters with the police and attacks on the police.

(d) 11 police personnel were killed and 1 injured in a CPI(Maoist) attack in the area of police station Pamed in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh on 02-11-2007. The State Government of Chhattisgarh is taking necessary action in respect of the incident. As on the date 12 battalions of Central paramilitary forces and 1 battalion of State Armed Police in inter-State deputation are deployed in Chhattisgarh to assist the State police forces.

Collection of ransom by naxals in some States

330. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that naxals have been collecting taxes and ransom from the businessmen and Government officials in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is also aware that a businessman was shot dead in Jamshedpur recently for refusing to pay ransom to the naxals; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to provide security to the businessmen in the naxal affected areas?